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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application **BOX ISSUE FEE**
Appl. No. 08/850,679; Filed: May 2, 1997
For: Preparation of Extended Shelf-Life Biodegradable,
Biocompatible Microparticles Containing A
Biologically Active Agent
Inventors: Michael E. Rickey *et al.*
Our Ref: 00166.0063.0002

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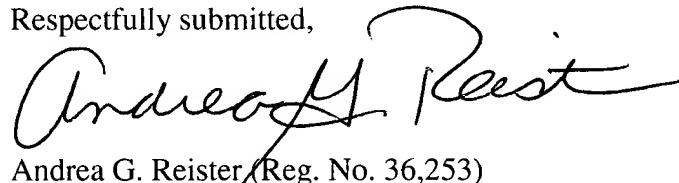
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1. Issue Fee Transmittal-Part B (PTOL-85B) (in duplicate);
2. Letter to the Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
3. 4 Sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-4);
4. "Fee Address" Indication Form;
5. Howrey & Simon check no. 157904 for \$1350 for payment of issue fee and advance copies; and
6. Return post card.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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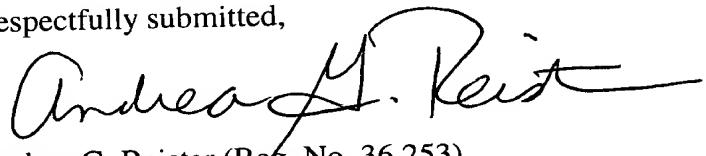
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Submitted herewith are four (4) sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1-4, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. The application number, group art unit, Batch No., and attorney docket number appear on the back of each sheet. Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

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